

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A detergent composition comprising:

a) from ~~[[4%]]~~ 5% to about 70% of a sulfated or sulfonated anionic surfactant other than sodium lauryl sulfate,

b) from 0.01% to 10%, of a dye maintenance polymer or oligomer having at least three net positive charges per molecule and having a Dye Maintenance Parameter, as determined by the Dye Maintenance Parameter Test, of greater than 0.23; and

wherein the dye maintenance polymer is not a polyethyleneimine or alkoxylated derivative thereof.

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4. (Previously presented) The detergent composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a deterative enzyme and an enzyme stabilization system.

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5. (Previously presented) The detergent composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises an inorganic peroxygen bleaching compound, which is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal salts of perborate, percarbonate and mixtures thereof, and a bleach activator, which is nonanoyloxybenzene sulfonate.

6. (Original) The detergent composition of claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a cellulose enzyme.

7. (Currently amended) The detergent composition of claim 1, ~~wherein the surfactant is~~ comprising an additional surfactant selected from the group consisting of nonionic, ~~anionic~~, cationic, amphoteric, and zwitterionic surfactants and mixtures thereof.

8. (Previously presented) The detergent composition of claim 1, ~~wherein~~ comprising at least about 9% ~~[[4%]]~~ by weight of the ~~surfactant is an~~ anionic surfactant.

9. (Cancel)

10. *(Previously presented)* A detergent composition according to claim 1 comprising from 0.1% to 8% of a dye maintenance polymer or oligomer having at least three net positive charges per molecule and having a Dye Maintenance Parameter, as determined by the Dye Maintenance Parameter Test, of greater than 0.23.

11. *(Previously presented)* A detergent composition according to claim 1 comprising from 0.5% to 6% of a dye maintenance polymer or oligomer having at least three net positive charges per molecule and having a Dye Maintenance Parameter, as determined by the Dye Maintenance Parameter Test, of greater than 0.23.

12. *(Previously presented)* A detergent composition according to claim 1 comprising from 0.8% to 5% of a dye maintenance polymer or oligomer having at least three net positive charges per molecule and having a Dye Maintenance Parameter, as determined by the Dye Maintenance Parameter Test, of greater than 0.23.

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13. *(Previously presented)* A detergent composition according to claim 1 wherein the dye maintenance polymer or oligomer has a Dye Maintenance Parameter, as determined by the Dye Maintenance Parameter Test, of greater than 0.6.

14. *(Previously presented)* A detergent composition according to claim 1 wherein the dye maintenance polymer or oligomer has a Dye Maintenance Parameter, as determined by the Dye Maintenance Parameter Test, of greater than 0.9.

15. *(New)* A detergent composition according to claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant is an alkyl benzene sulfonate.

16. *(New)* A detergent composition according to claim 15 wherein said alkyl benzene sulfonate comprises from about 9% to about 50%, by weight, of said composition.

17. *(New)* A detergent composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is an alkyl ethoxy sulfate.

18. *(New)* A detergent composition according to Claim 17 wherein said alkyl ethoxy sulfate comprises from about 9% to about 50%, by weight, of said composition.

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MISSING CLAIMS

In the Office Action of 05/07/2003, only Claims 1-9 were acted upon.

This is to alert the Examiner regarding claims that were apparently missing from the Examiner's file.

The Transmittal Letter (Form PTO-1390), mailed 5 April 2001, indicates that a FIRST Preliminary Amendment was being filed, along with the FEE statement for 14 claims and the Preliminary Amendment which includes the 14 claims and a marked-up version. (Copies attached)

The return postcard indicates that the Preliminary Amendment was received in the USPTO. (Copy attached)

Accordingly all amendments to the claims, as now presented, relate to the 14 Claims presented to the USPTO in that original Preliminary Amendment.